

## SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### **A Message from Father Chitral**



**CHURCH of the  
GOOD SHEPHERD**  
Episcopal | Dedham, Massachusetts

As September dawns upon us, I extend an invitation to all of you to come together with a revitalized spirit and newfound vigor. Together, let us weave this community into a vibrant tapestry, one that resonates with the profound love and grace of God. Your generosity in sharing your valuable time, unique talents, and invaluable resources, serves as the bedrock of our church's strength.

The responsibility to infuse deeper significance into our communal and spiritual journey rests upon our collective shoulders. Bound by our shared faith, we stand as integral members of the Church of Good Shepherd's extended family. As we navigate this shared pilgrimage, I encourage each of you to reach out to friends within our neighborhood, extending to them the warm embrace of our church life.

Let us remain unwavering in our commitment to uplift one another through continuous prayers and the joyful exchange of blessings. Together, we illuminate the path ahead, forging ahead as a beacon of faith, compassion, and unity.

## **Summer Chronicles: Our Season of Accomplishments**

Over the summer, members including Bob, Eliot, Jorge, and Perry have been actively engaged in various projects. They dedicated their efforts to refinishing the trim along the basement floor hallway and meticulously restoring the old window in the church office. This involved a thorough process of cleaning, repotting, scraping, and painting.

Additionally, significant progress has been made on repairing the stucco exterior of the building, a task that has presented its fair share of challenges. Despite the complexity of achieving the perfect stucco finish, their determination prevailed, resulting in successful repairs.

Looking ahead, the team is contemplating their next endeavor: painting the green trim and windowsills, as well as repainting the fire escape located on the Cobbler Lane side of the hall.

Amidst their various projects, Perry has been diligently tending to the garden, yielding a bountiful harvest of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, and green peppers. Despite enduring a scorching summer, Perry's dedication to the garden remains unwavering.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and commitment!

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome Circle for the Ukrainian Family**

Ukrainian Assistance Outreach Update - August 27, 2023

Greetings to our compassionate community,

As we stride into the heart of 2023, we are thrilled to share an uplifting update regarding the Ukrainian Assistance Outreach program. The Dedham Collaborative, an assembly of devoted churches and individuals from the Dedham/Needham area, stands poised with open hearts, eagerly awaiting their role in extending a helping hand to those in need.

Currently, a dedicated couple residing in Needham has graciously offered shelter within their abode to a Ukrainian individual or family seeking support. The precision of this pairing is crucial, and once the stars align, we will embark on a journey of providing essential temporary assistance. The anticipation is tangible, with the arrival of an individual or family projected to grace our shores by the onset of October.

Our congregation, in harmonious union with the Dedham Collaborative, has pledged unwavering support for an approximate span of three months. During this period, we will encompass an array of fundamental needs, ensuring a stable foundation for those entrusted to our care. From provisions garnered from our food pantry to garments thoughtfully sourced from Savers, and even transport assistance, our holistic approach aims to foster an environment of security and optimism.

As the embers of their arrival draw near, we foresee the possibility of soliciting tangible donations - household essentials, clothing, perhaps even the tender gift of toys or diapers. Your goodwill, manifested through these offerings, shall lay the cornerstone of comfort for our newcomers.

Furthermore, a noble initiative has surfaced - the creation of a \$2,000 fund designed to ease their transition onto American soil. These funds, directed toward housing and utilities, will provide them with a springboard to their new life. We extend an invitation to all those inclined to contribute to this benevolent fund. Donations can be channeled through The Church of The Good Shepherd, with a note indicating

"Ukrainian Fund." Graciously, your contributions shall be deemed tax-deductible, a testament to the heartwarming synergy of community and generosity.

In our commitment to transparency, we pledge to keep you informed of our progress through our bulletins and newsletters. Should you feel compelled to participate or if queries dance in your mind, please don't hesitate to reach out to our dedicated point of contact, Diane Foulds, at 781-254-7008.

With profound gratitude for your compassion and unwavering support, we want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire community and our cherished church.

### **Fall Worship Schedule**

We will resume attending the 10:00 am worship service, and the choir will also be reconvening starting on **September 10th**. The choir members will meet at 9:15 am for a rehearsal session.

### **Church School**

Church school will begin on Sunday, Sept.10 at 10am. Children and youth of all ages are welcome to participate in the church school lessons, activities, and field trips.

### **Memorial Candle**

If you would like to have the candle in the chapel lit for a week in remembrance of a loved one. Please let Chirusha know. She is keeping a calendar of requests for the year. The cost of the candle for the week is \$6.00.

***The Rt. Rev. Roy F. "Bud" Cederholm Jr.  
1944-2023***

Aug. 28, 2023

Dear People of the Diocese of Massachusetts and Wider Church Community,

With deep sorrow and abundant gratitude I write to share word that the Rt. Rev. Roy F. Cederholm died peacefully last night, Sunday, Aug. 27, in Franklin. Bishop Bud, who served us as bishop suffragan from March 2001 until his retirement in November 2011, is beloved throughout our diocese and beyond. His deep pastoral heart and devotion to congregational life, honed over decades of ministry as a parish priest, continued to characterize his ministry as bishop. Whether supporting clergy and lay leaders, advocating passionately for environmental stewardship, or teaching children a new camp song – in countless ways Bishop Bud was a manifestation of the church's care for God's people and the world in which we dwell.

Ruth Ann Cederholm and Bishop Bud have both faced into the challenge of memory loss in recent years. They have been living at an eldercare community, and most recently in memory care together, attended to by caregivers and their devoted sons and family.

Arrangements are underway and will be announced soon for a diocesan celebration of the life and ministry of Bishop Bud Cederholm, and opportunities for tribute and condolence. In the meantime, please hold Ruth Ann, Matt and Dan, and their extended family in your prayers.

We give thanks for this faithful, loving, generous-hearted servant of God. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Faithfully and fondly,

+Alan

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates

## **Servers for September 2023**

### **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lector: Nancy Keigan

Altar: Elieen Centofanti and Carolyn Chu

Usher: Marie Winston

Counters: Volunteers

### **September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: Jean McKinney

Altar: Eileen Centofanti and Carolyn Chu

Usher: Marjorie Kilroy

Counters: Maribeth Mahoney and Bob Chmielorz

### **September 17<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: TBA

Altar: Carol Obin, Cindy Lambrecht, and Marjorie Kilroy

Usher: Marie Winston

Counters: Brian Angel Burke and Patty Roberts

### **September 24<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: TBA

Altar: Carol Obin, Cindy Lambrecht, and Marjorie Kilroy

Usher: Marjorie Kilroy

Counters: Eliot Foulds and Caroline Angel Burke

***"Since You cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into close connection with you."***

***- St. Augustine of Hippo***